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1. On 15 September 1953, a KVP rear detail was tearing down the tents and temporary buildings at the Friedrichsfelde Schlosspark. The equipment was trucked to the Magerviehhof at Friedrichsfelde. [REDACTED] the camp was going to be vacated. 25X1
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2. The afternoon of 23 September, the KVP camp east of Stadtpark Biesdorf (municipal park) still quartered an estimated 600 KVP personnel with red-bordered black epaulets. Minor units, allegedly recruits, were engaged in training activities. [REDACTED]

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3. Between 22 and 25 September, the former Friedrich Karl Kaserne on Geschwister-Scholl Strasse quartered about 500 KVPs with black-bordered blue epaulets and about 20 VPs. No training activities were observed. A sedan and 23 trucks, [REDACTED] were parked in the billeting area. Motorcycle [REDACTED] and trucks [REDACTED] the latter vehicles occupied by 20 soldiers who wore black-bordered blue epaulets, were observed. 25X1

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4. On 26 September, the barracks installation on Schneller Strasse and Karlshorster Strasse quartered an estimated 400 KVPs. Soldiers seen there wore red-bordered epaulets. The installation also quartered a headquarters or an administrative agency. [REDACTED] 10 sedans in the yard of the installation. [REDACTED] 25X1

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5. Between 10 and 28 September, the buildings of the HVDGP quartered about 200 KVPs, allegedly two companies, which had come from Eggesin. Other companies of the same unit were said to be quartered in Buch near Berlin. The soldiers at the HVDGP wore blue collar patches and were allegedly employed along the sector boundaries in Berlin. Fifteen trucks [REDACTED] [REDACTED] were parked in the yard of the installation.

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6. On 3 October [redacted] the Schlosspark at Friedrichsfelde was unoccupied. The KVP bivouac in the Koenigsheide (heath) was vacated. [redacted]

7. Between 28 September and 3 October, the KVP barracks installation on Gross-berliner Damm in Johannisthal quartered an estimated 600 men with crimson service color. Several blocks of the barracks buildings were under construction in this area. No training activities were observed. [redacted]

8. The former VP Air quarters on Segelflieger Damm in Johannisthal quartered 1,000 to 3,000 men with crimson, blue and green service colors. [redacted]

9. The KVP cantonment northwest of the Adlershof elevated train station on Unter Chaussee quartered soldiers with crimson service color. Motor vehicle traffic was heavy. [redacted]

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[redacted] During the period of observation 13 trucks each loaded with 25 personnel left the cantonment toward Marikestrasse every day about 11:45 a.m. The trucks returned individually prior to about 1 p.m. and were again loaded with personnel. [redacted]

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10. [redacted] a building at the west end and south side of Rudower Chaussee quartered KVP with green, red, black and red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted]

11. The KVP installation on Schneller Strasse in Niederschoeneweide appeared to be occupied by a headquarters. At 5 p.m., a large number of officers with green, red, black-bordered red, red-bordered black, yellow-bordered black, blue and black epaulets would leave the building. [redacted]

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12. Between 22 and 28 September, the Magerviehnhof quartered an estimated 1,000 KVPs, most of them with red collar patches. Some black and green collar patches were also seen. A large number of trucks including tank trucks and van-like trucks were parked in the yard of the installation. No training activities were observed. [redacted]

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13. Between 22 September and 5 October, the former Schwesternheim (home for nurses) in Biesdorf still quartered an estimated 1,000 KVPs, most of them with red, and some with red-bordered black epaulets. Training activities at the installation were heavy. Individual detachments were seen leaving the installation toward Wuhlgarten for infantry training in this area. No heavy weapons were seen. [redacted]

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14. On 1 October, the large hall of the SED school on Runge Strasse was being vacated by the KVPs. It had been occupied by 300 men with black-bordered blue epaulets since about 11 September. The unit which was employed along the sector boundary in Berlin was equipped with 15 trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] in addition to 31 jeeps, 2 ambulances and 5 field kitchens. [redacted] the unit previously quartered at the SED school moved to an installation in the vicinity.

15. Between 6 and 9 October, the former VP Air installation in Berlin-Johannisthal was vacated by all KVP personnel. The last troops to leave were the units from the Eggesin area which consisted of about 1,400 men and were equipped with 7 field kitchens. The seven Soviet advisers, i.e. 1 colonel, 1 lieutenant colonel, 1 major, 2 captains and 2 senior lieutenants, who had been quartered in the so-called Ledigenheim (home for bachelors) on Segelflieger Damm were no longer seen. The VP Air installation was allegedly to be turned over to the HVDVP. On 10 October, the entire billeting area was empty except for the section which was used by the PK Main Department, which consisted of about 100 officers and was headed by General Rudolf Doelling.

16. At 3 a.m. on 9 October, guard duties along the sector boundaries in East Berlin were taken over by units of the HVDVP whose soldiers wore blue uniforms.

17. Between 22 September and 12 October, the Magerviehshof at Friedrichsfelde still quartered an estimated 300 to 1,000 KVPs, most of them with red and some with red-bordered black epaulets. Close order drill was repeatedly done at the installation. About 70 motor vehicles including several tank trucks and large quantities of fuel drums were seen in the yard of the installation. Work was daily being done in the sheds which appeared to house motor vehicles. [redacted]

18. Between 6 and 12 October, the cantonment west of the Adlershof elevated train station quartered a KVP unit of 800 to 1,000 men, with red, black-bordered red, red-bordered black and blue epaulets. [redacted]

19. On 8 October [redacted] the KVP tent camp at the Friedrichsfelde-Ost Schlosspark had been dismantled. The whereabouts of the unit previously stationed there was unknown.

20. On 11 October [redacted] the Friedrich-Karl Kaserne near the Friedrich Strasse elevated train station had been vacated by the KVP unit. VP personnel who wore blue uniforms unloaded sections of prefabricated buildings on the north side of the billeting area.

21. In the night of 8/9 October, the KVP units were being detrained at the Schooneweide freight station. The entire area of the station was cordoned off. The detrained units had arrived in 30 to 40 troop cars and gondola cars, which were parked on different sidings. When the detraining was completed, convoys of 12 vehicles each, i.e. trucks, sedans, motorcycles and armored scout cars left the freight station via Bruecken Strasse, Treskow Bruecke, Edison Strasse, Karlshorster Landstrasse toward Karlshorst-Friedrichsfelde. Six or 7 such convoys with a total of 12 model BA-64 armored scout cars were seen.

22. After 11:15 p.m. on 9 October, new personnel were detrained. The train consisted of 20 to 25 railroad cars of different types. [redacted] about 20 IFA-Horch trucks, 2 model BA-64 armored scout cars, several motorcycles and 5 field kitchens.

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The detained units which included personnel with blue uniforms left the station in the same direction as the units which detrained in the preceding night.

- 25X1 23. The morning of 10 October [] at the Schoeneweide freight
25X1 station, a VP sedan [] had apparently been involved
25X1 in the security measures taken for the detraining operations on the two
preceding days. [] in this sedan that no detraining
operations would take place on 10 October.
24. The morning of 10 October, trucks [] were seen 25X1
entering the yard of Police Station 245 on Griechische Allee in Oberschoeneweide.
One of the trucks [] was towing a field kitchen and was occupied
by several officers while the other truck was loaded with EM.
25. After 23 September, the Friedrich-Karl Kaserne which, prior to 21 September,
had been occupied to capacity by KVP personnel and VPs with blue uniforms, was
vacated by KVP personnel. All KVP guards at the installation had been replaced
by VPs who wore blue uniforms. On 10 October, the installation was guarded by
a VP sentry who wore a blue uniform. Truck [] was seen in the yard 25X1
of the installation.
- 25X1 26. In early October [] the KVP tent camps at the Friedrichsfelde
Schlosspark and Koenigsheide had been dismantled.
- 25X1 27. On 12 October [] wooden poles spaced about 4 meters apart
had been set up along the boundaries of the KVP quarters at the Hagerviehof.
About 3 p.m., an empty train consisting of 20 to 25 passenger cars and one
boxcar arrived at the installation from the direction of Lichtenberg. Sedans
[] and truck [] were seen. 25X1
28. About 17 September, the KVP detail of two officers and about 30 men who wore
light blue service color and were stationed at Bornholmer Strasse elevated
train station were reinforced by transportation police who wore blue uniforms.
The members of the transportation police inspected all travelers, while the
KVP detail was assigned guard missions along the sector boundary. On 10 October,
the KVP detail left for an undetermined place and the sector boundary has been
guarded since that time by VP personnel with blue uniforms.
- 25X1 29. In the night of 9/10 October, KVP personnel previously employed along the sector
25X1 boundaries in Berlin were relieved by VP personnel from Berlin. The border police
were armed with carbines and automatic rifles. []
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- 25X1 30. On 10 October [] the Alexandrinen Kaserne on Geschwister Scholl
Strasse which, until 9 October, had quartered about 650 KVPs with black-bordered
blue epaulets and a VP motor pool was vacated by the KVP and reoccupied by VP
personnel. On 9 October, sections of prefabricated houses had been unloaded at
the installation from KVP trucks. Excavation work for the erection of the buildings
was started on the same day.
31. On 12 October, the previous KVP quarters on Kloser Strasse, Strahlauer Strasse,
and Brunnen Strasse were vacated by the KVP. A VP unit of about 159 men moved
to the installation at 159 Brunnen Strasse.
- 25X1 [] Comment. The report confirms and supplements previous information on the
situation in East Berlin. In mid-September 1953, the KVP tent camps were dismantled.

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Component units of the Mechanized Division Eggesin, which at that time released elements of Division Prora, moved to winterized quarters. Between early October and 10 October, the component units of Mechanized Division Eggesin left East Berlin. After that date, guard duties along the sector boundary were taken over by special details of the East Berlin police. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The following installations mentioned in the present report are permanently occupied by KVP personnel: Schneller Strasse, Johannisthal, Adlershof, Magerviehhof and the former Schwesternheim Biesdorf. It is unknown where the units which were detrained at the Schoenebeide freight station on 3 and 9 October had come from.

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